

City Hall, City of Lodi
Monday, June 21st., 1926

This regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the City of Lodi was called to order by the President at 8.12 o'clock P.M. on the above date, Trustees Hale, Roach, Shattuck, Weihe and Spooner present, none absent.

The minutes of the regular meeting of June 7th., 1926 were read approved as read and so endorsed by the President.

Mr. Geo. E. Lawrence and Engineer Stern of the Federal Geographical Survey appeared before the Board in relation to having the City maintain an official record station for the recording of rainfall; Mr Lawrence offered to donate the gauge if the City would install and read it and Mr Stern would supply official record sheets and instruct the observer. On motion of Trustee Weihe, seconded by Trustee Roach, the offer was accepted with thanks and at the order of the President, the reading of the instrument and the keeping of the records was placed in the hands of the City Engineer.

Mr. F.H. Cordaway appeared in regard to the width of rock surface to be laid on East Lockeford Street fronting Woman's Syndicate Addition, stating that a twenty-four foot pavement was more than he had contemplated. The City Engineer stated that he had read copies of the Southern Pacific Company's proposed contracts for their part of the work and that the work contemplated covered sixteen feet of rock and four foot earth shoulders. President Spooner stated that he had received a telephone message from Clark & Henery Construction Company offering to do this work with a two and one-half asphaltic top for the same price as oil-bound macadam. Mr Cordway agreed to give this surface his consideration.

The Clerk read a letter signed by several users of power asking for a reduction in electric rates for commercial purposes. Superintendent Henning displayed a graph prepared by the City Engineer of the City of Palo Alto whereon the Lodi rate was displayed as being much less than any other similar plant. The President instructed the Clerk to obtain from the writers of the letter, a list of places where power rates were so much less than in Lodi and submit their schedules to the City Superintendent for comparison.

The Board received a letter enclosing a resolution of the City Council of the City of Sacramento, asking that the delegates from this City to the convention of the League of California Municipalities at Yosemite this year, use their influence to secure the 1927 convention for the City of Sacramento. The Clerk was directed to assure the Mayor and Council by letter that this City's delegate or delegates would leave with instructions to vote for Sacramento in 1927.

After discussion as to the liability involved, the Clerk was directed to renew Public Liability Policy #HP-4734212 in the Travelers Insurance Company insuring the Board of Trustees in the operation of public play-grounds.

In the matter of the application of Fire Chief E.H. Stark for an increase in salary, laid over from the meeting of June 7th., the City Attorney reported no legal objection to the consolidation of the offices of Fire Marshal and Fire Chief, but it appearing that the Fire Department had not submitted their list of officers for the approval of the Board, the Clerk was directed to call their attention to Sect. 2 of Ordinance 21, on motion of Trustee Shattuck, and have them submit the list of officers elected and appointed at their last annual meeting together with any recommendations that they might care to make in relation thereto, for approval by the Board of Trustees as in the said ordinance provided.

Five building permits totalling \$4,850.00 were ordered granted.

At the suggestion and on the recommendation of Trustee Shattuck, Street Superintendent Christesen was instructed to procure cost estimates for the purchase of a light delivery truck for use of the Street and Park Departments.

The Clerk reported, as directed at the meeting of June 7th., that he had checked the names listed on the petition filed by C.V. Fant asking for a re-submission of the proposition to purchase Lodi National Bank Building for a City Hall and that the same contained 201 actual names of electors out of a total of 1858 registered voters. This matter was deferred for consideration later in the evening.

On motion of Trustee Hale, seconded by Trustee Weihe, bills in the amount of \$3,171.50 as approved by the finance committee were allowed and ordered paid.

At the order of the President, the Board was resolved into Committee of the Whole for consideration of matters in connection with the acquisition of a new City Hall. After lengthy discussion on the propositions before the Board as whether to buy the Lodi National Bank Building or build a new building on the lots at Pleasant and Pine Streets, the Board listened to the proposition of Davis-Pearce Company as set forth by their Mr J.V. Pearce.

On motion of Trustee Shattuck, seconded by Trustee Roach and unanimously carried, the Board directed that the President of the Board and the Clerk execute a contract wherein Davis-Pearce Company are employed as architects and engineers for the purpose of ascertaining the adviseability of purchase of Lodi National Bank Building or the erection of a complete City Hall at Pine and Pleasant and also that, in either event, the said firm would be retained in the capacities stated during the time of erection of such a building, their fee to be contingent upon the Board proceeding with the work.

On motion of Trustee Shattuck, the Board adjourned at the hour of 12 o'clock to meet at 8 o'clock P.M. of Tuesday July 6th., 1926, the regular meeting date of the Board falling upon a holiday.

Attest:

J. F. Blakely
City Clerk

Approved at a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees July 6th., 1926 as written

H. A. Brown
President of the Board.
July 6-1926.